

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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AUTONOMOUS COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of autonomous colleges functioning in the country as on date;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to accord permission for opening of more autonomous colleges;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, the number of autonomous colleges functioning in the country as on 31.3.2008 was 281.
- (b) & (c): The scheme of autonomous colleges is an on-going scheme and autonomous status is given to the colleges, from time to time, taking into consideration their academic reputation, attainments of the faculty, physical facilities, institutional management, financial resources, responsiveness of the administrative structure and involvement of faculty etc.
- (d): Does not arise.